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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ARTS

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT OF DEVELOPMENTS THUS FAR IN
NEW ARTS EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

2. GRAZIANO PLACEMENT AT BOLSHOI SCHOOL WORKING WELL.
PROGRAM VIGOROUS AND DISCIPLINED, BUT HER MORALE HIGH. SHE
HAS DAILY DANCE CLASSES WITH FOUR OTHER FOREIGN STUDENTS,
MOSTLY FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THIS PATTERN WILL CONTINUE
FOR HER ONE-OR TWO-YEAR STAY, BUT SHE WILL HAVE CHANCE TO
REHEARSE AND PERHAPS PERFORM WITH SOVIET STUDENTS. IN ADDITION
SHE HAS PIANO AND RUSSIAN BUT NO REGULAR ACADEMIC CLASSES.
SHE HAS ONE SOVIE ROOM MATE IN COMFORTABLE QUARTERS. MEALS
ARE CLOSER TO SECOND-RATE SOVIET HOTEL FARE THAN FIGURES OF
DANCESRS WOULD SUGGEST, BUT OTHER ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE AT
CHOREOGRAPHIC SCHOOL ARE VERY MUCH TO HER LIKING.
GRAZIANO IS MAKING EXCELLENT BEGINNING FOR NEW PROGRAM.

3. MIN CULT WAS ASKED TO EXAMINE SUSAN HIHN'S QUALIFICATIONS
FOR PGORAM, ALTHOUGH SHE WAS NOT NOMINATED BY DEPT AS
FORMAL CANDIDATE. THEY HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY CANNOT PROGRAM
HER UNDER OFFICIAL EXCHANGE. THEY SAY THEY CANNOT PROVIDE
REGULAR TICKETS FOR HER TO OBSERVE BALLET AND OTHER DANCE NOR
ARRANGE SUFFICIENT ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY MATERIALS TO MAKE A
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SERIOUS AND COMPLETE PROJECT OUT OF THE EXCHANGE. WE GET THE

IMPRESSION MIN CULT BELIVES THE PROJECT IS MORE ORIENTATION WITH INSUFFICIENT SCHOLARLY JUSTIFICATION. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO GET VISA CONCURRENCE SO SHE MAY COME IN ON OWN (STATE 231415). IN SIMILAR WAY WE ASSITED WATSON FOUNDATION STUDENT OF CHILDRENS THEATER LAST SPRING. ONCE HE HAD GENERAL APPROVAL FROM MIN CULT AND VISA, HE MADE GOOD CONTACTS AT WORKING LEVEL. HOWEVER MIN CULT OFFERED NO OTHER SUPPORT AND COULD NOT ARRANGE INEXPENSIVE STUDENT HOUSING AS REQUESTED.

4. V. I. SHESTAKOV (SEE VISA REQUEST SEPTTEL) IS ONLY SOVIET CANDIDATE SO FAR. HIS PROPOSAL, ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED BY MIN CULT, WAS DELAYED WHEN HE CHANGED AFFILIATION TO INSTITUTE OF CINEMA HISTORY UNDER STATE COMMITTEE FOR CINEMATOGRAPHY. HE RECENTLY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO ACCOMPANY INSTITUTE DIRECTOR BASKAKOV ON TEN-DAY U.S. TRIP BEGINNING NOV 20. (MOSCOW 15935). PRESENT POSITION CHIEF OF DEPT OF INTERNATONAL CINEMA.

5. SHESTAKOV REQUESTS FIVE-MONTH PROGRAM BEGINNING RIGHT AFTER TEN-DAY NOV TRIP WITH BASKAKOV. HE IS COMPLETING BOOK, "CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN ART, CULTURE, AND THEORY OF ART," BUT REQUESTS FIVE-MONTH STUDY EMPHASIZE CINEMA. DESIRES STUDY AT FILM ARCHIVES AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND MEET WITH PROFESSORS AND SPECIALISTS IN CINEMA, HISTORY OF ART, AND SESTHETICS. ALSO HOPES VISIT MAJORMUSEUMS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMS ON HISTORY OF CINEMA. WHILE MAIN PROGRAM SHOULD EMPHASIZE CINEMA, HE ALSO INTERESTED THEORY OF ART AND MATTERS BEARING ON AESTHETICS. TO MAIN PLACES HE WISHES VISIT LISTED VISA APPLICATION (SEPTTEL OCT 25) ADD GREYSTONE (BEVERLY HILLS) OF AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE. SHESTAKOV WILL BE SEEING GEORGE STEVENS JR. DURING BASKAKOV TRIP.

6. AS DEPT AWARE, QBARKER, THIRD U.S. CANDIDATE IN ARTS EXCHANGE, TURNED DOWN BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT MIN CULT AND EMB/DEPT. ALL CONCERNED NOW AGREE HE DID NOT SATISFY CRITERIA THIS NEW PROGRAM AND SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN NOMINATED.

7. DEPT OF COURSE IS IN BEST POSITION TO ASSESS U.S. CONTRACTS FOR THIS EXCHANGE, BUT EVIDENC AVALABLE HERE CASTS DOUBT ON IEE'S PREPARATION TO HANDLE. BELIVEVE MANY MORE QUALIFIED U.S. APPLICANTS EXIST THAN IEE HAS BEEN ABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTRACT. GRAZIANO INTERIVEW HERE SUGGESTS SHE DID NOT GET FULL AND FAIR SCREENING, AND GOLOVKINA ALREADY HAD APPROVED HER BEFORE IEE REVIEW. IREX DURING RECENT MOSCOW VISIT INDICATED THEY ARE INTERESTED ANDTHEY MAINTAIN THEY HAVE CONTACTS AND DESIRE TO MAKE SUCCESS OF EXCHANGE. DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER THEM FOR U.S. RECRUITING AS WELL AS SHESTAKOV PROGRAMMING.

8. BELIEVE NOMINATION PROCEDURE SHOLD INCLUDE CAREFUL
SCREENING OF COMPETING CANDIDATES AND NOMINATION AT REGULAR
TIME. IT IS INEFFECTIVE TO SUBMIT MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS
INFORMALLY TO SOVIETS AT VARIED TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND
ASK THEIR INFORMAL OPINION, AND THIS PROCEDURE ALSO DOES NOT
PRESENT OUR BEST FACE TO SOVIETS. FOR THIS REASON AND OTHERS
WE ASSUME THAT ANDAKOZ-FINHOLT APPLICATION (RICHMOND-NOAH
LETTER SEPT 30) SHOULD BE VIEWED AS COMPLVETELY SEPARATE
FROM THIS PROGRAM AND WE SIMPLY ARE ASKING MIN CULT VIEWS
ON THEIR REQUEST AS ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS, SINCE
WE ARE NOT INPOSITION FORMALLY TO NOMINATE THEM UNDER
AGREEMENT. DEPT VIESS ON SETTING UP MORE FORMAL AND REGULAR
NOMINATING PROCEDURES FOR THIS EXCHANGE ARE REQUESTD.
SOVIET POSITION MAY BE SOLICITED AT REVIEW TALKS.
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